

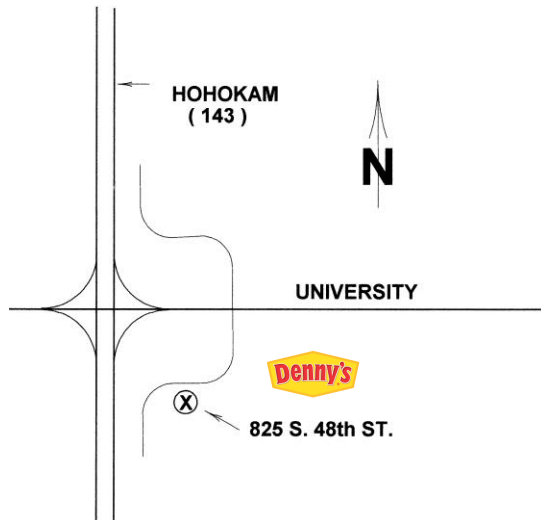
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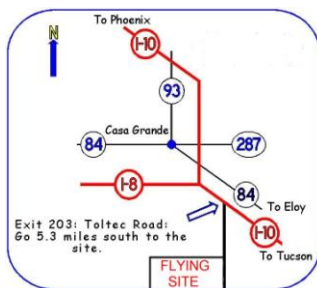
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NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14th
at 10:00 A.M.



NEXT CONTEST
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Model Airplane Championships
will be held on 17, 18, 19 January,
2009 at Eloy, Arizona



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**The 59th Annual
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Lots of info at this web site;

www.aalmps.com/9info.htm

Or contact Al Lidberg at (480) 839 8154



DUES FOR 2009

At our last club meeting, our 2009 income projections were reviewed against projected expenditures. We also discussed at length how to manage the many news letters that we have been sending to non-club members. We concluded we would increase our dues a modest amount and charge non-members an equally modest subscription price for the monthly news letter.

2008 Dues	\$20.00
2008 Subscriptions	\$15.00

For those non-members who might consider subscribing, please remember the news letter is your source of information on our joint PMAC/TFFC contest program, the contest calendar, and contest reports.

Please make out your checks to PMAC for either dues or subscriptions.

Elmer Nelson

PMAC President & Treasurer

SCHEDULE

I have included two schedules in this issue. The PMAC / TFFC schedule and the Western States Contest Schedule. Please keep these for future reference. And as always, email or call the C.D. before traveling to a contest to verify the schedule, location, and any last minute changes.

Arizona Free Flight Championships

December 6 & 7 2008

Elmer Nelson reporting

This year's championship was strongly supported by out of state contestants. The America Cup and National Cup brought in people from CA (7), CT (1), IL (1), LA (2), MI (1), OK (1), OR (3), & TX (1). Additionally we had 13 entrants from Arizona. Saturday started with a wind out of the south, but swung around to a northerly breeze early on for a great day of flying. Sunday's weather was not as kind. Despite rather cold breezes, we still had a good day of flying with a lot models catching good thermals.

Dick Nelson flew 10 different models to surge ahead on the combined clubs contest ladder with a contest total of 255 points. That is more points in one contest than twenty of the people on the ladder earned for the full year. WOW! The simple conclusion is fly early, fly often! Dick wins the overall top spot on the combined club ladder. Mike Keller turned in a very commendable effort as well picking up 149 points in this contest. Mike surged ahead of Dick during the October contest, but slipped to number two during this one. For the year, Elmer Nelson held on to number three by just one point over Peter Brocks. Shig Saimo nailed down the fifth spot on the ladder although only flying in four contests. Shig follows the fly early, fly often rule as well.

Category champs for 2008 are: AMA/Classic Gas (Dick Nelson), Nostalgia/Old Time Gas (Dick Nelson), 3 Minute Rubber/Glider Combo (Jean Andrews), 2 Minute Combo (Mike Keller), 3 Minute FAI Combo (Peter Brocks), Catapult/Hand Launched Glider Combo (Mike Keller), and Top Junior Flier (Brianna Keller). Congratulations to all.

Awards will be presented during the Southwest Regional contest in January.

Full FAI results were published on Southern CA Aeroteam Electronic News (SEN) and all National Cup results were forwarded for recording. The full point results for Arizona contestants are shown in the following tables.

2008 Overall Contest Ladder Summary

	2/24/2008	3/15/2008	4/20/2008	5/17/2008	9/14/2008	10/25/2008	11/16/2008	12/6&7/08	Total
Dick Nelson	141	97	64	36	45	10	101	255	749
Mike Keller	64	64	70	80	41	106	96	149	670
Elmer Nelson	86	66	40	49	53	14	19	115	442
Peter Brocks	97	0	53	82			84	125	441
Shig Saimo		60		75		58		97	290
Jean Andrews	17	0	37	34	30	71	12		201
Roland Lovejoy	18	25		21	19	18	28		129
Tom Gaylor		24	12	24	45	14			119
Dan Sobala	32							81	113
Dick Wood				28				84	112
Kent Prescott	14			34	22		14	8	92
Bill Langelius	19		37		27				83
Randy Burros	31		26					23	80
Brianna Keller (Jr)		19					14	47	80
Ben Nead, SR	24		18	37					79
Jim Farmer	24						7	48	79
Christian Gaylor		12	22	27					61
Enes Pecenkovic					40				40
Joey Farmer (Jr)	35						5		40
Dick Strang			37						37
Mike Bower				25					25
Tom Miller	12				12				24
Ed Augst			12						12
Ralph Hotz						10			10
Christian Gaylor (Jr)		12	22	27					61

Junior Fliers

Brianna Keller		19					14	47	80
Joey Farmer	35						5		40
Christian Gaylor		12	22	27					61

**Arizona Free Flight
Championship
Dec 6-7 2008**

AMA/Classic Gas

Points

(All engine classes)

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit3	FO 1	FO 2	FO 3	FO4	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Dick Nelson	C/D Classic	180	180	180	180	180	180	154	1234	16	30	10	56
Dick Nelson	C/D Gas	180	180	180					540	14	15	10	39
Mike Keller	1/2A Classic	174	180	180					534	12	10	10	32
Dick Nelson	AB Gas	162	180	180					522	10	10	10	30
Randy Burros	1/2A Gas	148	169	180					497	8	5	10	23
Dick Nelson	1/2A Gas	129	150	180					459	6	5	10	21
Dick Nelson	1/2A Classic	120	150	180					450	4	5	10	19
Dick Nelson	AB Classic	138	148	148					434	2	0	10	12

Nostalgia Gas/OT Gas Combo

Points

(All engine classes)

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit3	FO 1	FO 2	FO 3	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Dan Sobala	A Nos	180	180	180	180	180	168	1068	14	25	10	49
Dan Sobala	C Nos	180	147	180				507	12	10	10	32
Mike Keller	1/2A Nos	180	180	143				503	10	10	10	30
Dick Nelson	C Nos	125	180	180				485	8	10	10	28
Dick Nelson	B Nos	180	180	118				478	6	10	10	26
Dick Nelson	A Nos	77	113	180				370	4	5	10	19
Dick Nelson	OT Gas Comb	100						100	2	0	3	5

2 Minute Combo

Points

(F1G/H/J, .020 Replica, P-30, P-20, Rocket, Embryo)

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit3	Fit 4	Fit 5	FO 1	FO 2	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Peter Brocks	F1G	120	120	120	120	120	180	240	1020	12	35	10	57
Dick Wood	F1G	120	120	120	120	120	3		603	10	25	10	45
Elmer Nelson	F1G	120	120	73	120	120			553	8	20	10	38
Mike Keller	P-30	65	120	120					305	6	10	10	26
Shig Saimo	P-30	120	120	22					262	4	10	10	24
Brianna Keller	P-30	79	120	56					255	2	5	10	17

3 MinRubber/Glider Combo

Points

(Mulvihill, Moffett, OT Rubber, Nos Wake/Rubber, Classic Tow)

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit3	FO 1	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Mike Keller	Mulvihill	180	132	164		476	12	5	10	27
Shig Saimo	OT Rub Stick	105	155	180		440	10	5	10	25
Shig Saimo	Mulvihill	96	89	173		358	8		10	18
Shig Saimo	OT Rub Cabin	78	134	78		290	6		10	16
Shig Saimo	Nos Wakefield	103	85	78		266	4		10	14
Kent Prescott	OT Rub Stick	65	75			140	2		6	8

3 Minute FAI Combo

Points

(F1A/B/C/P/Q)

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit 3	Fit 4	Fit 5	Fit 6	Fit 7	FO 1	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Elmer Nelson	F1B	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	244	1504	10	35	10	55
Jim Farmer	F1A	180	180	180	168	180	180	180		1248	8	30	10	48
Peter Brocks	F1A	180	180	180	100	180	180	180		1180	6	30	10	46
Dick Wood	F1B	180	145	145	180	180	141	180		1151	4	20	10	34
Dick Wood	F1Q	68								68	2		3	5

Catapult /HL Glider Combo

Points

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit3	Fit 4	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Elmer Nelson	HLG	50	44	108		202	12	0	10	22
Peter Brocks	Cat Glider	51	46	72		169	10	0	10	20
Mike Keller	HLG	42	44	39		125	8	0	10	18
Mike Keller	Cat Glider	37	44	40		121	6	0	10	16
Briana Keller (Jr)	Cat Glider	30	29	28		87	4	0	10	14
Briann Keller (Jr)	HLG	14	16	21		51	2	0	10	12

Junior Totals

Points

Name	Event	Fit 1	Fit 2	Fit3	Fit 4	Total Time	Time	Maxes	Flights	Total
Briana Keller (Jr)	Cat Glider	30	29	28		87	4	0	10	14
Briana Keller (Jr)	HLG	14	16	21		51	2	0	10	12

Start Time
 May-Sept: 7:00 AM
 All others: 8:00 AM

2009
 PMAC/TFFC
 CONTEST SCHEDULE

December 22, 2008

	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	Nat'l Cup	America & National Cup	
	President's Cup	Spring Break	I-10 Challenge	Hot Stuff	Fall Kick-off	Ghost Riders	Turkey Shoot	Arizona Free Flight Championships	
	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	2/22/2009	3/21/2009	4/19/2009	5/16/2009	9/20/2009	10/24/2009	11/15/2009	12/5/2009	12/6/2009
GAS/ELECTRIC EVENTS								8	7
AMA 1/2 A GAS	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)*	
AMA A/B GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	B
AMA C/D GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	D	C
AMA Classic 1/2A Gas	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)		(Jr) (SO)*
AMA Classic AB Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	B	A
AMA Classic CD Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	D
NOS 1/4 A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NOS 1/2 A GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
NOS A GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NOS B/C GAS Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	B
NOS Early 1/2 A Gas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
OT .020 REPLICA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
OT GAS COMBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
ELECTRIC COMBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rubber Events								4	3
P-30	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	
NOS RUB, Nos Wake, & Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Nos Wake	Nos Rub
OT Fus Combo Rubber	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
OT Stick Combo Rubber	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
MULVIHILL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
MOFFETT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
FAI Events								3	3
F1A/F1B/F1C/F1P/F1Q Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F1A,B,C,P,Q	
F1G/F1H/F1J Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		F1G,F1H,F1J
GLIDER EVENTS								1	2
H. L. GLIDER	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	
CAT GLIDER	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(JR)(SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)		(Jr) (SO)
CLASSIC GLIDER	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)	(Jr) (SO)		(Jr) (SO)
Contest Directors	Lichtenberge	E. Nelson	Brocks	Strang	D. Nelson	Loeffler	Andrews	E.Nelson/ Burros	
Contest Classification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	AA	AA

Note: All one day contests will be flown in combined categories. Anything you bring to the field can be flown in one of 6 categories

*For national cup points, junior AMA & Classic 1/2A Gas are combined

2009 Western States Regional FF Contest Schedule

Lost Hills Web Site lhffmaa.com

MONTH	◆	★	Date	Location / Contest	Contest Director and Phone	E-Mail Address
JAN			9th - 11th	ONTARIO, CA - AMA Convention at Convention Center	AMA Web Site	www.modelaircraft.org
			11th	SAN DIEGO - Orbiters Record Trials Otay Mesa	Larry Miller 858-292-1434	lmiller1@ureach.com
	◆	★	17th - 19th	ARIZONA - Southwest Regionals, Eloy - National Cup Exempt	Al Lidberg 480-839-8154	aalmps@aol.com
			25th	GRASSY KNOLLS - FAC - Golden Age Civil/Thompson Trophy	David Boals 626-821-0122	dmb-dlb@sbcglobal.net
FEB			1st	PERRIS - SCAMPS Haggart Bowden	Allen Heinrich 760-956-2949	aerodyneal@aol.com
			1st	COLORADO - MMM Indoor Meet, Colorado Springs City Auditorium	Jerry Murphy 719-685-3766	jb_murphy@msn.com
	◆	★	7th - 9th	LOST HILLS - ISAACSON Winter Classic / AMA / NFFS / + Gollywocks	Norm Furutani 310-323-1943	norgin@earthlink.net
	◆		10th - 11th	LOST HILLS - SCAT CAL Cup - F1E World Cup	Lee Hines 949-645-4850	sweepettelee@sbcglobal.net
			12th	LOST HILLS - PAN-AMERICAN OPEN	Ron Felix 215-297-8712	pbsinc@enter.net
	◆		13th - 15th	LOST HILLS - Maxmen International	George Batiuk 805-546-8231	slgbl1@gmail.com
			15th	GRASSY KNOLLS - FAC Dime & Neo Dime Scale Embryo	David Boals 626-821-0122	dmb-dlb@sbcglobal.net
			15th	SAN DIEGO - Orbiters Record Trials Otay Mesa	Larry Miller 858-292-1434	lmiller1@ureach.com
	★		22nd	ARIZONA - FF Contest President's Cup	Vic Lichtenberge 520-574-4298	jlich1235@aol.com
			28th - 1st	TAFT - SCIF Kickoff and Rick & Don's Slow Gas/Nostalgia	Bud Matthews 661-993-5201 Rick Keller 702-371-0865	budm6629@sbcglobal.net Racekeller@aol.com
MAR	★		8th	SACRAMENTO - Spring Bash Waegell Field	Walt Ghio 209-478-8225	f1bwaltd@comcast.net
			8th	PERRIS - SCAMPS Taibi Annual	Kevin Sherman 951-737-7943	julykevin@aol.com
	◆	★	14th - 15th	LOST HILLS - SCAT Annual	Lee Hines 949-645-4850	sweepettelee@sbcglobal.net
			15th	GRASSY KNOLLS - FAC Rubber Scale/Jet Catapult	David Boals 626-821-0122	dmb-dlb@sbcglobal.net
			15th	SAN DIEGO - Orbiters Record Trials Otay Mesa	Larry Miller 858-292-1434	lmiller1@ureach.com
	★		21st	ARIZONA - FF Contest Spring Break	Elmer Nelson 480-460-1366	elmernelson@cox.net
			22nd	SAN DIEGO - FAC Squadron 41's Otay Mesa	George Mansfield 858-453-3857	george_jr@sbcglobal.net
		29th	COLORADO MMM Indoor Champs, "3rd Annual Pike's Peak Ceiling Climb"	Don DeLoach 719-964-7117	ddeloach@comcast.net	
APR	★		4th	SACRAMENTO - Sierra Champs, Waegell Field	Chris Borland 916-457-4469	candjborland@sbcglobal.net
			5th	GRASSY KNOLLS (or Perris) - FAC Jimmy Allen	David Boals 626-821-0122	dmb-dlb@sbcglobal.net
			5th	GRASSY KNOLLS SCIF Fun Fly	Bud Matthews 661-993-5201	budm6629@sbcglobal.net
	★		18th - 19th	LOST HILLS - San Valeers AMA Annual and FAI 7 Rounder SCIF / SCAMPS Texaco	John Patwell 661-298-9372 Bud Matthews 661-993-5201	jpatwell@sbcglobal.net budm6629@sbcglobal.net
	★		19th	ARIZONA - FF Contest I-10 Challenge	Peter Brocks 480-614-6183	brocksarizona@cox.net
			19th	SAN DIEGO - Orbiters Record Trials, Otay Mesa	Larry Miller 858-292-1434	lmiller1@ureach.com
★		19th	COLORADO - MMM Outdoor Monthly AMA, FAI, NFFS	Jerry Murphy 719-685-3766	jb_murphy@msn.com	
MAY	◆	★	2nd - 3rd	SACRAMENTO - Northern Cal FF Champs, Waegell Field	Bill Vanderbeek 650-326-9966	billvanderbeek@yahoo.com
			2nd - 3rd	LOST HILLS - BFT Annual	Mike Keller 480-710-0754	mkelleraz@gmail.com
	★		16th	ARIZONA - FF Contest Hot Stuff	Dick Strang 520-742-3546	rstrang310@q.com
	★		16th - 17th	LOST HILLS - Dual - Clubs FF Bonanza - SD Orbiters and Fresno GMC	Larry Bagaline 760-788-1858 John Olan 559-908-2068	starlink_fitetech@yahoo.com wpbsam@comcast.net
	★		17th	COLORADO - MMM Outdoor Monthly AMA, FAI, NFFS	Jerry Murphy 719-685-3766	jb_murphy@msn.com
◆		22nd - 24th	LOST HILLS - Bissonnette Memorial	Walt Ghio 209-478-8225	f1bwaltd@comcast.net	
JUN			6th	GRASSY KNOLLS - SCIF Fun Fly	Bud Matthews 661-993-5201	budm6629@sbcglobal.net
	★		6th	SACRAMENTO - Western States Champs, Waegell Field	Mike McKeever 916-967-8475	vamckeever@aol.com
			7th	GRASSY KNOLLS - FAC 69 Dime & Neo Dime Scale, Embryo	David Boals 626-821-0122	dmb-dlb@sbcglobal.net
			13th - 14th	TAFT - Rick & Don's Slow Gas, Nostalgia and Old Timer	Rick Keller 702-371-0865	Racekeller@aol.com
	★		14th	COLORADO - MMM Outdoor Monthly AMA, FAI, NFFS	Jerry Murphy 719-685-3766	jb_murphy@msn.com
			14th	SAN DIEGO - Orbiters Record Trials Otay Mesa	Larry Miller 858-292-1434	lmiller1@ureach.com
			21st	PERRIS - SCAMPS Lotto/Twin Pusher	Hal Cover 909-591-3717	hcover3646@hotmail.com
			27th	SACRAMENTO - Team Contest 7 a.m. - noon, Waegell Field	Doug Galbreath 530-757-6058	F1CDoug@aol.com
		28th	SAN DIEGO - FAC Squadron 41's Otay Mesa	George Mansfield 858-453-3857	george_jr@sbcglobal.net	

Prez Speaks

January 2009

First, let me thank Al Lidberg for serving diligently as President for the past two years.

Thanks Al, you did a great job.

I reluctantly agreed to run for President in hopes that this stint in the job will be a bridge to someone better qualified. Let me lay out some goals for all of to work towards.

Let's fly more! Activity is the glue that holds this organization together. Our contest format with the five categories was designed to create flying activity. Looking back over the past two years activity, the concept seems to be working. Remember, you can virtually fly any model in our contests that you bring to the field. True we no longer have a focused event such as A Nostalgia in which several models will be flown in head to head competition with exception of our December Free Flight Championships. But we do have an effective system to earn points towards the end of year club championship and the top gun awards for the five separate categories.

Non contest flying. When you decide to go to Eloy for some testing/sport flying, invite others to go with you. You might be surprised that some folks would love to go if they only knew ahead of time. Use the club email group mailing system and the telephone to spread the word. The club group email address is

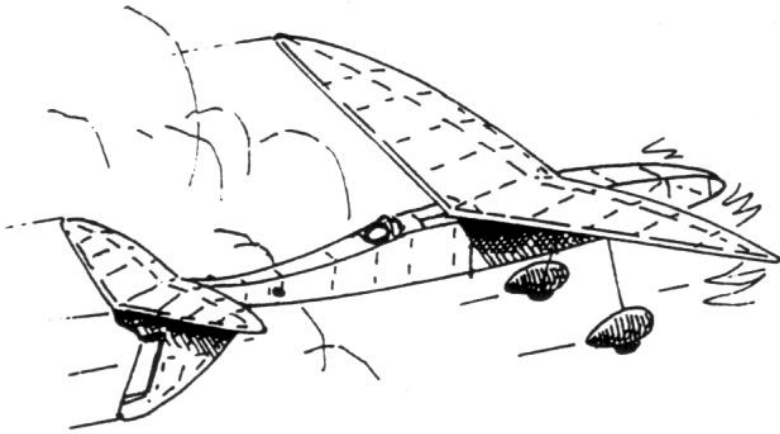
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Share the Load! Please realize it takes some effort to make things work. Meetings that focus only on "business" are boring! We have unsuccessfully attempted to find a program chair willing to put the shoulder to the wheel. Until we find that person, make an effort to bring something to the meetings for show and tell. No subject is so old that it isn't interesting.

Share the Load to support contests. Generally, between the CD and me, we get the monthly contests up and running. However, the December Arizona FF Champs and the January SWR contest are a lot of work that generally falls on the shoulders of about two people. Don't be afraid of getting your hands dirty. There is ample opportunity for everyone to pitch in. Think about what it takes. The support equipment must be carried down to the field and set up. During the contest, someone has to run the CD table and log scores. After the contest someone has to pack up the stuff and bring it back to Phoenix. As President I am making a formal call to duty to support these two contests. Hopefully, someone will stand tall and assist. Remember, these contests attract a lot of people from outside of Arizona. When you finish reading this, pick up the phone and call me. I'm seriously looking for help.

News Letter. I also want to take this moment to again thank Steve Riley for doing such a bang up job. He has carried this load for a number of years and can't be thanked enough. Fortunately, Ralph Hotz has volunteered to take over. I know Ralph will also do a bang up job. You can help Ralph by giving him ideas and to write an article for publishing. We have several people in this club who are expert writers if they will just put pen to paper.

Elmer Nelson



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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14th
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